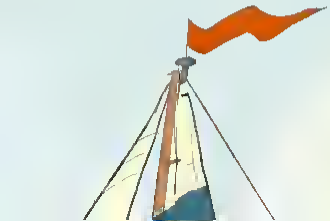

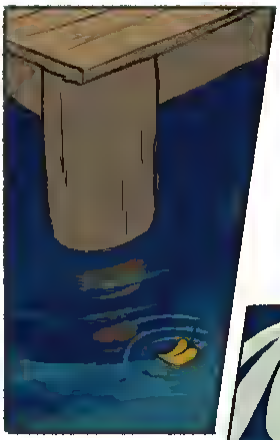

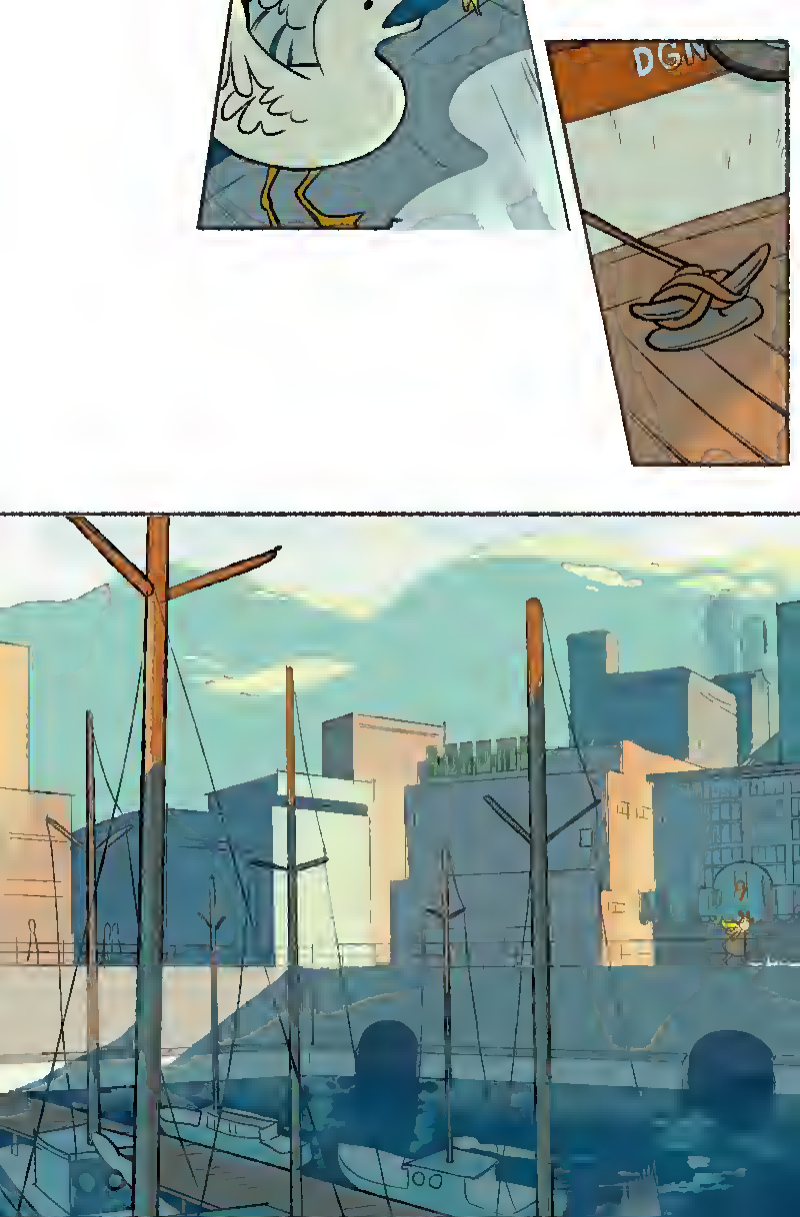
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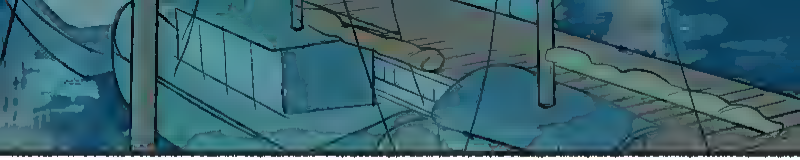
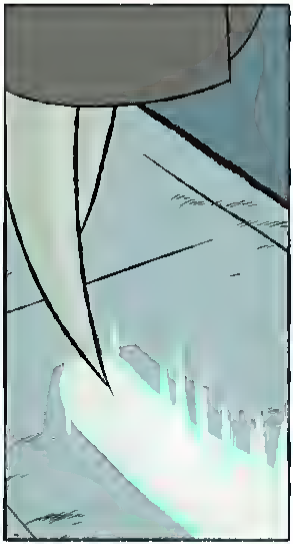
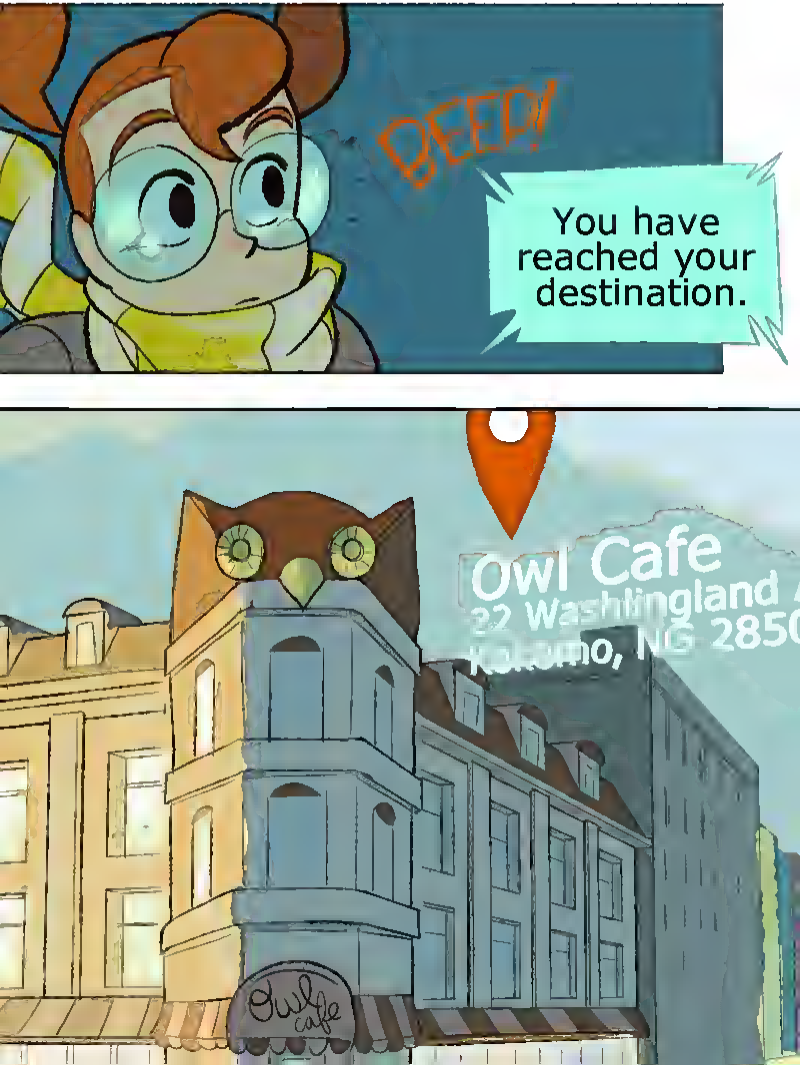




Brrr.
It's cold.

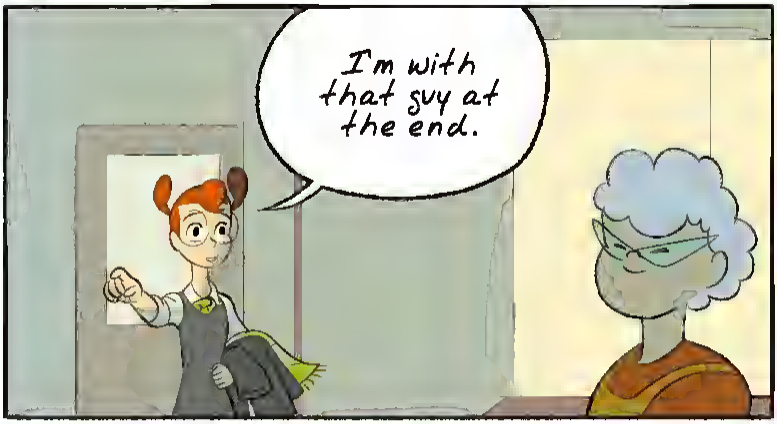

BEEP!
You have reached your destination.
Owl Cafe
22 Washlingland
Kokomo, NG 2850
Owl cafe

Cool...

ding!

Just you, honey?

Um...


I'm with that guy at the end.

Hi.

Oliver.

Amy!
You made it!
Of course, I did!
Were you afraid I disappeared again?
No, I just didn't know if you'd find my note.
I

was scared someone else would pick it up.

Yeah, about that--

Why didn't you just send me a text or something?

I can't text.

I don't use net gear.

Really?!

Uh huh.

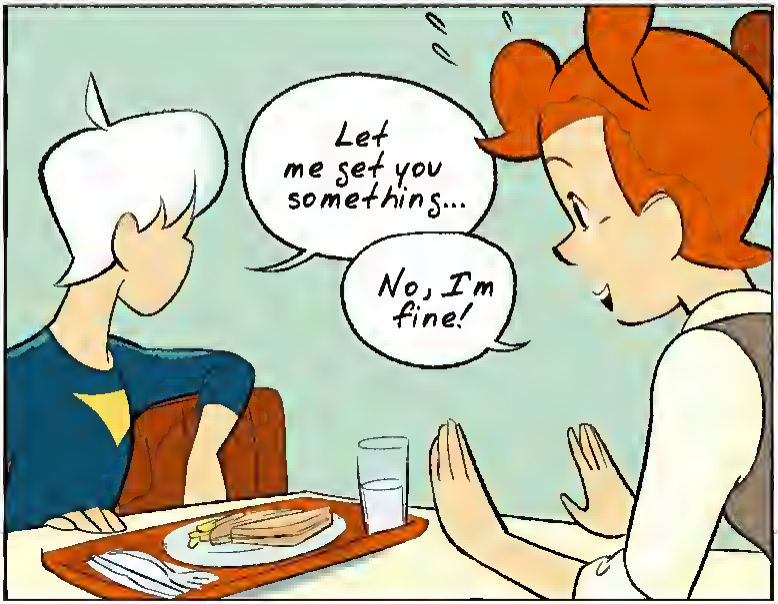
Wow...

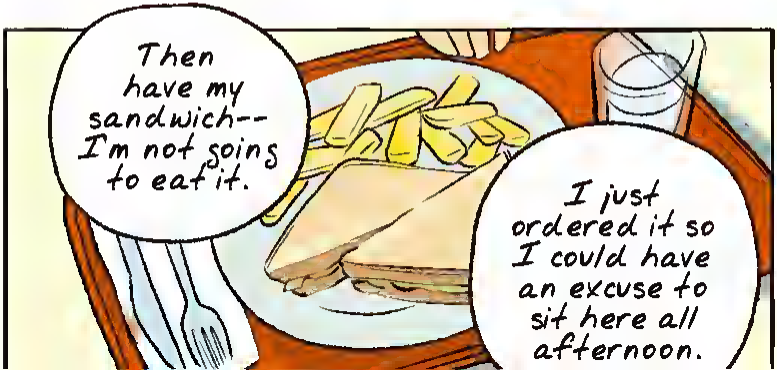
That's awesome.

I'm kind of jealous actually.

What can I get you, sweetie?

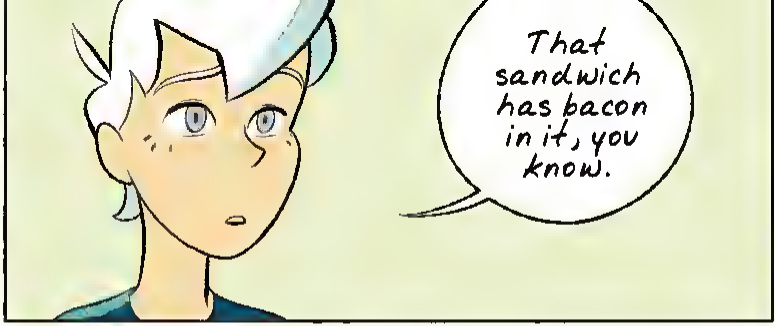
Oh, I'll just have water, thanks.
You aren't hungry?
I am, but I don't have any money.
My family is living on a shoestring budget until my dad gets a job.


Let me get you something...
No, I'm fine!


Then have my sandwich-- I'm not going to eat it.
I just ordered it so I could have an excuse to sit here all afternoon.

Are you sure?
Yeah, so for it.
Thanks!
I couldn't eat lunch today, so I'm starving!

You couldn't eat lunch...
...because you couldn't afford it?
Oh! No!
No, no, no.
We're not doing THAT badly--
My mom packed me a great lunch!
It's just, I couldn't eat it because I...
uh...
...decided to go vegetarian.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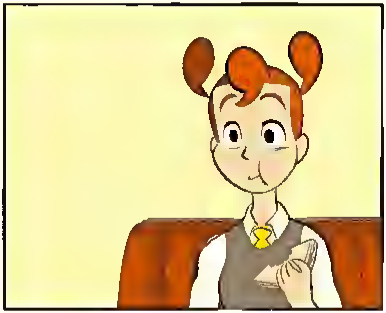
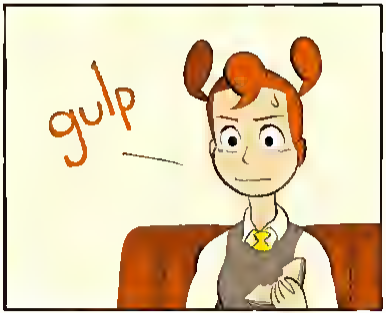


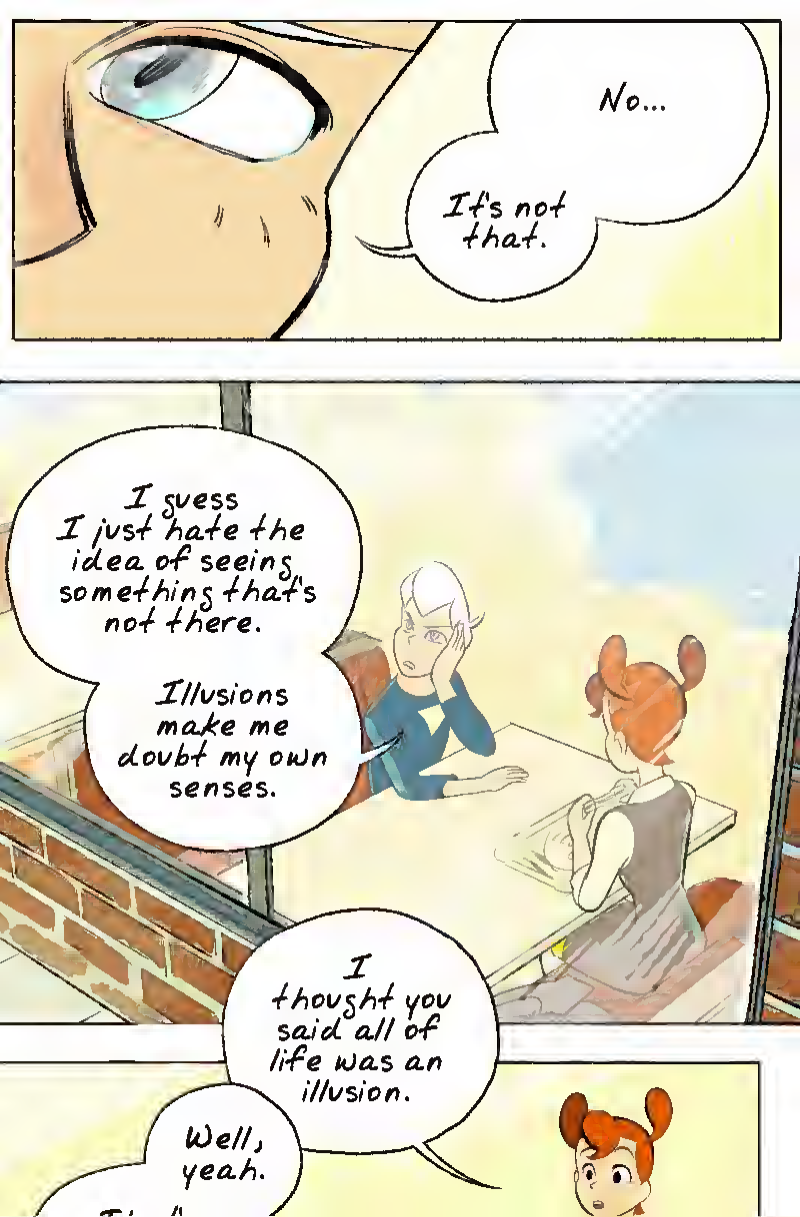

gulp

Um.
It's fine.
As long as the agriculture club doesn't start raising piglets I should be good.

Piglets?

Uh
huh.

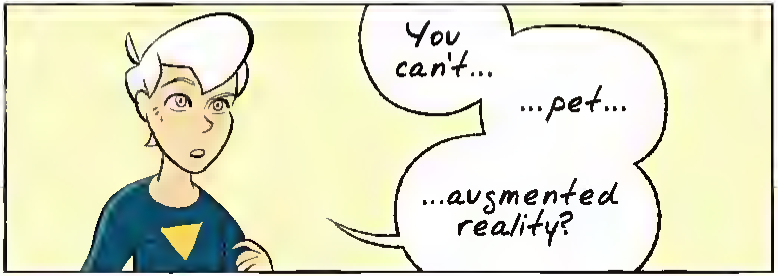
So, tell me--
Why don't you use net gear?
Hmmm...
I suppose it's because I can't handle the augmented reality.
Do you get queasy or something?
My dad says he gets queasy if he uses it for too long.


No...
It's not that.
I guess I just hate the idea of seeing something that's not there.
Illusions make me doubt my own senses.
I thought you said all of life was an illusion.
Well, yeah.

That's how it feels sometimes.
Sometimes life seems like a passing dream, a distraction from the reality of the Nothing.
But when I hang out with you, Amy, I start hoping life is more than that.
I start hoping the Nothing is the dream, and that someday I'm going wake up.

Oh.
Uh huh.
I guess what scares me is, if you can't trust your own senses, how do you know when you've woken up?
How can you tell dream from reality?
How can you tell reality from augmented reality?

Hmmm...
Well, for one, you can't hold augmented reality.
Or pet it.


You can't...
...pet...
...augmented reality?

Nope.
I have this virtual dog named Zissy, and he's cute and all, but your hand goes right through him if you try to touch him.
You can't pet him, even though he's supposed to be a Puffy Pet!
Talk

about false advertising! Ha ha.

never felt anything so soft.

So what you're saying is that--

Reality has a certain...

...texture to it.

It has weight.

Substance.

Um...

Mostly I'm just saying I like baby chicks!

Ha ha!

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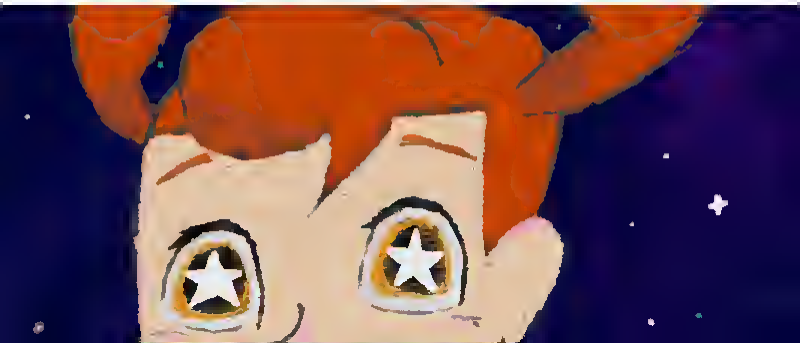
This Week's FAN ART!

Daniella

"My brain decided that I needed to see Amy with Steven Universe-style star eyes immediately. Then my hand slipped. I call it Amy's Universe."



I like how your brain decides these things and forces it on you. Ha ha!
Though I guess my brain does too...
Sailboats!
Seagulls!
Uh...
A whole ship yard!
I don't have time to draw all that!

Ruveyda

"yesterday in school i got bored and thinked about how will amy look in sailor uniform"

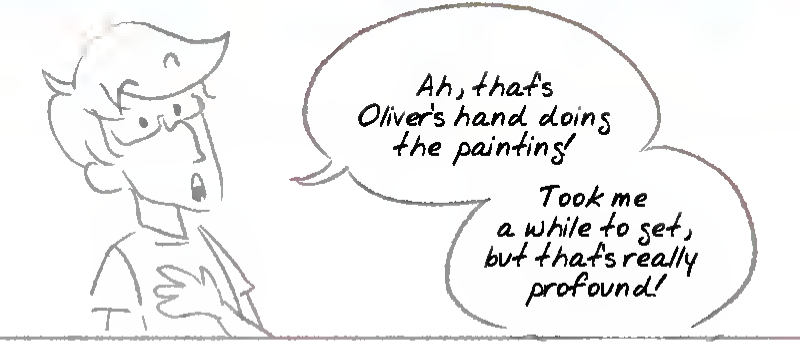
CRAL
09.10.15

Wow,
you sent this in
September?

NOTE: For those of you who have sent in fan art, I will get to it, but it may take me a while!

Melanie

"So I drew a little fan art on your Space Boy comic (finished at 3 am, I really should start working at that). The Idea was about Oliver finding new colors outshining the Nothing."


Ah, that's Oliver's hand doing the painting!
Took me a while to get, but that's really profound!

Glas

"Thank you for being so awesome."

Happy Thanksgivins to any Space Cadets out there who celebrate it.

Thanks everyone!